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DEPT. PASS DOT FOR UNDERSECRETARY BARNUM

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, FR, UK

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CONCORDE

REF: STATE 90279

1. DURING UNDERSECRETARY BARNUM'S VISIT LAST WEEK GOF REPS MADE STRONG PITCH TO GET USG TO RECONSIDER ITS RESERVATIONS OVER PROPOSED CONCORDE FLIGHTS TO US LATER THIS MONTH. IN PARTICULAR, BERNARD LATHIERE, DIRECTOR OF AIR TRANSPORT AT SGAC AND HEAD OF GOF INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE SUPERVISING CONCORDE PROJECT, WAS ESPECIALLY INSISTENT IN THIS REGARD ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING BARNUM VISIT.

2. CABINET OF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT ACHILLE-FOULD HAD EARLIER INFORMED US (PARIS 8921 NOTAL) THAT MEETING WITH BARNUM WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE DURING PRESENT ELECTORAL PERIOD AND WHILE GOF MINISTERS WERE CONTINUING SERVE ONLY IN INTERIM STATUS. HOWEVER, AT LAST MINUTE ACHILLE-FOULD

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BECAME "AVAILABLE" AND PROPOSED ACCOMPANY BARNUM

ON DRIVE TO ORLEANS FOR AEROTRAIN VISIT IN ORDER  
DISCUSS WHAT HIS STAFF INFORMED US WOULD BE PRIMARILY  
AERONAUTICAL QUESTIONS, WHICH OBVIOUSLY MEANT  
CONCORDE (PARIS 10925 NOTAL). BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS  
AT AEROTRAIN TEST TRACK THAT DELAYED VISIT ON MAY 10,  
ACHILLE-FOULD MET WITH BARNUM AT LATTER'S HOTEL AND  
BOWED OUT OF ORLEANS VISIT. LATHIERE ATTENDED  
MEETING WITH ACHILLE-FOULD WHICH WE SUSPECT HE TOOK  
INITIATIVE TO ARRANGE ANYWAY.

3. BARNUM REITERATED TO ACHILLE-FOULD, AS HE HAD  
TO LATHIERE EARLIER, USG RESERVATIONS ALONG LINES  
REFTEL. HE INDICATED THAT IF BRITISH AND FRENCH  
WERE TO PERSIST IN EFFORT SCHEDULE FLIGHTS, FORMAL  
APPLICATION WOULD BE NECESSARY UNDER ESTABLISHED  
PROCEDURES THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE FOLLOWED AND  
IT WAS QUITE EVIDENT THAT FOR PROCEDURAL REASONS  
ALONE SUCH PROCESSING COULD NOT BE COMPLETED IN  
TIME FOR ANY FLIGHTS IN MAY.

4. THRUST OF LATHIERE'S OFT-REPEATED ARGUMENTS  
FOCUSSED ON NOISE LEVEL. HE CLAIMED THAT RECENT  
TESTS AT TOULOUSE SIMULATING CONCORDE LANDINGS  
AND DEPARTURES UNDER JFK AIRPORT CONDITIONS HAD  
SHOWN NOISE LEVEL TO BE MINIMAL, ESPECIALLY ON  
LANDING. AT MEETING WITH ACHILLE-FOULD BARNUM  
POINTED OUT THAT NOISE LEVEL MEASUREMENT WAS ONLY  
ONE ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM; THERE WAS ALSO THE QUESTION  
OF OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS TO WHICH CONCORDE WOULD  
BE SUBJECT BECAUSE OF LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY  
AND HOURS OF USE OF RUNWAY AT JFK AND DEPARTURE  
FLIGHT PATTERN USE OF THAT RUNWAY WOULD REQUIRE,

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ASSUMING FLIGHTS TO JFK WERE EVENTUALLY AUTHORIZED. ACHILLE-FOULD APPEARED NOT TO HAVE BEEN BRIEFED AT ALL ON LATTER PROBLEM AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR FREQUENCY OF ANY EVENTUAL REGULAR CONCORDE SERVICE TO JFK.

5. BARNUM ALSO INFORMED ACHILLE-FOULD THAT WHILE IN LONDON HE HAD BRIEFED UK REPS ON USG VIEWS RE CONCORDE MATTERS IN THE BELIEF THAT IT WAS PREFERABLE FOR NEW LABOR GOVERNMENT TO LEARN OF US VIEWS FIRSTHAND AND SO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE CONFUSION OR MISINTERPRETATION OF THOSE VIEWS AS UNDERSTOOD BY PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT. BY IMPLICATION, MESSAGE WAS THUS CONVEYED TO ACHILLE-FOULD THAT NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT FORMED AFTER COMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WOULD BE WELL ADVISED ELICIT US VIEWS FIRSTHAND BEFORE REACTING TO WHAT IT ASSUMES THOSE VIEWS TO BE RE CONCORDE SERVICE TO US.

6. ACHILLE-FOULD, INCIDENTALLY, INDICATED THAT HE EXPECTED NEXT FRANCO-BRITISH MINISTERIAL MEETING

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ON CONCORDE FOLLOWING FRENCH ELECTIONS COULD BE HELD AS EARLY AS JUNE.

7. FOREGOING TEXT WAS NOT CLEARED WITH UNDERSECRETARY BARNUM PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE.

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